

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 19 (Canceled).

20 (Currently amended). An isolated IL-11p polypeptide encoded by ~~the~~ a nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 sequence of nucleotide positions from about 118 to about 618 in the sense strand of Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:4).

21. (Canceled).

22 (Currently amended). An ~~The~~ isolated IL-11p polypeptide ~~selected from the group consisting of: (1) an hIL-1Ra1 polypeptide of Claim 33 comprising amino acid residues from about 37 to about 203 of Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:5); (2) an hIL-1Ra1 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 15 to about 193 of Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:7); (3) an hIL-1Ra2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 1 to about 134 of Figure 5 (SEQ ID NO:10); (4) an hIL-1Ra3 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 95 to about 134 of Figure 7 (SEQ ID NO:13); (5) a mL-1Ra3 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 95 to about 134 of Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:16); (6) an hIL-1Ra1L polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 26 to about 207 of Figure 15 (SEQ ID NO:19); (7) an hIL-1Ra1S polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 26 to about 167 of Figure 16 (SEQ ID NO:21); and (8) an hIL-1Ra1V polypeptide comprising amino acid residues from about 46 to about 218 of Figure 19 (SEQ ID NO:25).~~

23 - 25 (Canceled).

26 (Currently amended). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claims 22, 31 or 32 ~~that comprises a native amino acid sequence of the IL-11p fused at its C-terminus or N-terminus to~~ further comprising a heterologous amino acid sequence.

27 (Original). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 26, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is an epitope tag sequence.

28 (Currently amended). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 26, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

29-30 (Canceled).

31 (New). An isolated IL-11p polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA insert of ATCC Deposit No.: 203587.

32 (New). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 31 encoded by the human cDNA insert of ATCC Deposit No. 203587, excluding the first 36 N-terminal amino acid residues.

33 (New). An isolated IL-11p polypeptide that binds to an IL-18R ECD, but not to an IL-1R ECD, having an amino acid sequence of residues 37 to 203 of Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:5), or variants thereof having 1 addition, deletion or conservative substitution.

34 (New). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 33, wherein the variant has 1 additionally substituted amino acid residue.

35 (New). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 33, wherein the variant has 1 deleted amino acid residue.

36 (New). The IL-11p polypeptide of Claim 33, wherein the variant has 1 conservatively substituted residue.